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THE LLIBRE DEL CONSOLAT DE MAR: A BIBLIOGRAPHY¹

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IN HIS brilliant study of the Rhodian Sea-law² Walter Ashburner remarked that,

'The Consulate of the Sea, unfortunately, is not in a state now to be of much help in the investigation of mediaeval maritime law. There is a great deal of it: it is very verbose. Every principle is laid down two or three times, always with some difference; and every rule is accompanied by elaborate reasons, mostly futile. It must be admitted that there is an ancient nucleus of custom; but the greater part of the work consists of ingenious suggestions by learned men, which were probably never practised by any mariner or enforced by any court. No maritime code of the middle ages has such an air of unreality about it. Until it has been separated into its constituent parts, it must be used with great caution.'

Although the purpose of the present paper is chiefly bibliographical, the material may furnish some evidence for revising this estimate of *Les Costums Maritimes de Barcelona*—now generally accepted as the most probable original title of the *Llibre del Consolat de Mar*. The problems of provenance and antiquity have not been settled: but modern research has separated the 'ancient nucleus of custom' from the encrustation of 'ingenious suggestions by learned men'; demonstrated the authority The Consulate of the Sea once commanded among mariners and merchants; multiplied the illustrations of its enforcement by maritime courts; and, in fine, dispelled a good deal of the 'air of unreality'.

The text of The Consulate has been printed nearly fifty times. Two incunabula were followed by sixteen editions in the sixteenth century; the seventeenth century witnessed seven impressions; the eighteenth, at least eleven; the nineteenth, five; and the book has appeared in three complete editions since 1900. Although eleven impressions are in Catalan, the language of the original, The Consulate has been published more than twenty times in Italian versions; four times in French; and at least once in Dutch, English, German, Spanish, and

¹ Although not definitive, this bibliography is reasonably complete with respect to (a) the extant manuscripts and impressions of the text, (b) historical and legal monographs, and (c) the principal commentaries in juridical and juridico-historical literature. No attempt has been made to catalog the hundreds of casual references to The Consulate in histories of commerce and in treatises on maritime and commercial law devoted primarily to codes unrelated to the *Llibre del Consolat*.

² ΝΟΜΟΣ ΡΟΔΙΩΝ ΝΑΤΤΙΚΟΣ: *The Rhodian Sea-law* (Oxford, 1909), pp. cxx-cxxi.

Swedish. Eleven editions came from the presses of Barcelona, probably the native city of the law, but the colophons of Venetian printers appear seventeen times; and one or more impressions came from each of the following cities: Aix-en-Provence, Amsterdam, Florence, Leyden, London, Lübeck, Lucca, Madrid, Paris, Rome, Stockholm, Turin, and Valencia. It seems unlikely that the vanity of dilettante editors and conspicuous consumption of the relatively costly materials of the graphic arts were solely responsible for this large expenditure of typographical labor.³

I. MANUSCRIPTS

Seven manuscripts of the *Llibre del Consolat* are extant. In spite of grammatical and orthographical discrepancies, the language in every case is unmistakably Catalan. The following designation of codices was devised by the Catalan juridical historian, Sr. Ferran Valls i Taverner.

Codex A. Archivo Histórico Regional de Mallorca (Palma, Majorca), in the *Libre de Sant Pere*, foll. 35-72: a late fourteenth-century manuscript.⁴

Codex B. Municipal Archives, Valencia: a manuscript of 117 folios, completed in 1409 and illuminated by Domingo Crespi.⁵

Codex C. Bibliothèque Nationale, Paris, MS. *Espagnol* 124: a complete text in 212 folios, copied in the fifteenth century.

Codex D. Bibliothèque Nationale, Paris, MS. *Espagnol* 56: an incomplete manuscript of 198 folios, part of which represents fifteenth-century copying.⁶

Codex E. Biblioteca Universitaria di Cagliari (Sardinia), MS. 80: a manuscript of 174 folios, made about the end of the fifteenth century.⁷

Codex F. Institut d'Estudis Catalans (Barcelona), MS. 989: a fifteenth-century manuscript of 151 folios; lacks a few folios, including title-page.

Codex G. Private library of Josep Font de Rubinat, Barcelona. Considered the oldest extant text, this manuscript was probably finished during the last quarter of the fourteenth century.⁸

³The mercantile guild-court of Barcelona caused new editions to be prepared when the supply of previous editions was exhausted.

⁴J. M. Quadrado, *Privilegios y franquicias de Mallorca* (Palma, 1894), pp. 47-56.

For detailed description and specimen pages of Manuscripts A to E, consult: E. Moliné y Brasés, *Les Costums Marítimes de Barcelona* (Barcelona, 1914), pp. liii-lxiii.

⁵C. Fernández Duro, 'Antigüedad del "Libro de Consulado de Mar" deducida del código del Ayuntamiento de Valencia,' *El Archivo*, VII (Valencia, 1893), 194-206.

The copying of this MS. was begun before 1390, for on January 14 of that year the municipal council voted, 'que 1 libre de les costumes de mar començat en temps passat sia acabat a cost o despeses de la dita Ciutat e dat e liurat a la cort del Consolat daquela' (Municipal Archives, Valencia, *Manual de Consells*, 1388-1392, fol. 96).

⁶MSS. C and D are described in A. Morel-Fatio, *Catalogue des manuscrits espagnols et des manuscrits portugais* (Paris, 1892), nos. 47-48.

⁷Consult: *Il Consolato del Mare* (Turin, 1911), pp. xi-xiv.

⁸G. M. de Brocá, 'Un manuscrit del "Libre del Consolat de Mar",' *Revista Jurídica de Catalunya*, XXII (Barcelona, 1916), 567-70, and 'Un código del "Libro del Consulado de Mar" desconocido,' *Boletín de la Real Academia de Buenas Letras de Barcelona*, XVI (1916), 409-14.

II. IMPRESSIONS

In addition to date and place of publication, title, editor and publisher (if known), the following bibliography gives the location of at least one copy of the incunabula and of the sixteenth- and seventeenth-century editions.⁹

A. Catalan Text

- (1) Circa 1490; Barcelona. *Editio princeps*. BM.¹⁰
- (2) 1494; Barcelona. *Lo Libre de Consolat*. Francesch Celelles, ed.; Pere Posa, printer.¹¹ BNP.
- (3) 1502; Barcelona. *Libre de Consolat tractant dels fets maritims*. Celelles' text; Johan Luschner, printer. BNP.
- (4) 1518; Barcelona. *Libre Appellat Consolat de Mar*. Published by Johan Rosembach, 'a despeses de Raphael Dauder, librer.' IEC.
- (5) 1518; Barcelona. *Libre Appellat Consolat de Mar*. Published by Karles Amoros.¹²
- (6) 1523; Barcelona. *Libre Appellat Consolat de Mar*. Published by Dimas Bellestar and Joan de Gilio. BNP: HCL: LC.
- (7) 1540; Barcelona. *Libre Appellat Consolat de Mar*. Published by Carles Amoros. IEC.
- (8) 1592; Barcelona. *Llibre de Consolat dels fets maritims*. Published by Sebastià de Cormellas.¹³ BM: BNP: HLS: IEC: LC.

⁹ In a few instances reliance has been placed upon data furnished by bibliographies rather than upon personal examination of the items cited. However, such information has been checked through correspondence with librarians, and a number of references have been discarded as unreliable.

The following abbreviations are used: BM, British Museum; BNP, Bibliothèque Nationale, Paris; HCL, Harvard College Library; HLS, Harvard Law School Library; IEC, Institut d'Estudis Catalans, Barcelona; LC, Library of Congress; NYP, New York Public Library; YL, Yale University Law Library.

¹⁰ No. G 7220. This copy lacks the title-page, but the following note of a bibliographer is attached: 'Consolat, Libre del. fo. s.a. et l. (i ed. Barcelona). This is the extraordinarily rare first edition quoted by Salva in his Catalogue as having superseded the edition printed at Barcelona by Julian Luschner in 1502, which had long been regarded as the first. The present copy is supposed to have been printed at Barcelona circa 1490. This was Heber's: I do not know of another copy.'

Konrad Haebler was of the opinion that this edition was produced by Nicolas Spindeler about 1484 (*Bibliografía ibérica del siglo xv*, I [The Hague and Leipzig, 1903], 73); but Francisco Vindel (*Manual gráfico-descriptivo del bibliófilo hispano-americano*, V [Madrid, 1930], 74) refers to it as the work of Spindeler, in Tarragona, 1484.

A page of text is reproduced in K. Haebler, *The Early Printers of Spain and Portugal* (London, 1897), p. 145. Some years ago it was reported that a copy of this edition had come into the possession of a bibliophile of Majorca (Institut d'Estudis Catalans, *Anuari*, any V [Barcelona, 1913-14] 777-79).

¹¹ Consult: Haebler, *Bibliografía ibérica*, I, 74, and *The Early Printers of Spain*, p. 100; also, L. Perels, 'Quatre mots parlant d'En Francesch Celelles y de la seva edició del "Consolat de Mar"', *Boletín de la Real Academia de Buenas Letras de Barcelona*, XXII (1925), 187-88.

¹² E. Moliné y Brasés (*Les Costums Marítimes de Barcelona*, p. lxxiv) reproduces the title-page of this edition, a copy of which was found, in 1914, in the private library of Pau Font de Rubinat, Barcelona. I have looked in vain for a public library copy.

¹³ A *Reportori Alfabètic* for this edition was printed in Barcelona in 1627 by Antoni Thomas. The publication date of the *Reportori* has been mistaken for a 1627 edition of the *Llibre del Consolat*, as the 1592 edition is cataloged in BM (501.g.6) and in BNP (* E 43).

(9) 1645; Barcelona. *Llibre de Consolat dels fets marítims*. Celelles' text; Sebastià de Cormellas, publisher. BNP.

(10) 1914; Barcelona. *Les Costums Marítimes de Barcelona: universalment conegudes per Llibre del Consolat de Mar*. E. Moliné y Brasés, ed.; Henrich y C.^a, publishers.

(11) 1930-33; Barcelona. *Consolat de Mar*. 3 vols. F. Valls i Taverner, ed.; Editorial Barcino, publishers.¹⁴

B. Catalan Text with Spanish Translation

(1) 1791; Madrid. *Código de las Costumbres Marítimas de Barcelona: hasta aquí vulgarmente llamado Libro del Consulado*. Antonio de Capmany, ed.; Antonio de Sancha, publisher.¹⁵

C. Catalan Text with French Translation

(1) 1831; Paris. 'Droit maritime connu sous le nom de Consulat de la Mer,' in *Collection de lois maritimes antérieures au xviii^e siècle*, II, 49-368. J.M. Pardessus, ed.; published at the Imprimerie Royale.

(2) 1847; Paris. 'Droit maritime connu sous le nom de Consulat de la Mer,' in *Us et coutumes de la mer*, II, 49-368. J. M. Pardessus, ed.¹⁶

D. Catalan Text with English Translation

(1) 1874; London. 'The Good Customs of the Sea,' in *The Black Book of the Admiralty*, Appendix, pt. iii, 35-657. Edited and translated by Travers Twiss; Longman & Co., publishers.

E. Italian Translations¹⁷

(1) 1519; Rome. *Capituli et Ordinatione di Mare & di Mercantie*. 'Stampata in Roma per mastro Antonio de Bladi de Asola: ad instantia de Misere Jacobo Belli da Parpignano.'¹⁸ NYP.

(2) 1539; Venice. *Libro di Consolato*. Giovan Battista Pedrezano, ed.; Giovanni Padoanno, publisher. HCL: HLS.

¹⁴ This is the edition in which Sr. Valls breaks up The Consulate into its constituent parts. Volume I contains the three separate elements of the 'Nuclis Originaris,' and the other two volumes are devoted to the texts of related custom and statutory maritime law.

The review of the work by A. García Gallo (*Anuario de Historia del Derecho Español*, IX [Madrid, 1932], 430-40) is highly critical of Valls' procedure.

¹⁵ Related documents often published with The Consulate are found in Capmany's *Apéndice a las Costumbres Marítimas del Libro del Consulado* (Madrid, 1791).

¹⁶ The *Us et coutumes* is a re-impression of the first two volumes of the *Collection de lois maritimes*.

¹⁷ If the Catalan origin of The Consulate is accepted, the many Italian impressions should be referred to as translations from the Catalan. The first Italian edition is described as the 'Libro volgare detto Consolato *novamente* stampato et corretto.' It is probable that the translator had before him the Barcelona edition of 1494, which was 'Lo Libre de Consolat novament corregit e stampat,' or its re-impressions of 1502 and 1518.

¹⁸ Probably Jacobo Belli was the editor and translator. A. M. Candiotti (*Historia de la institución consular* [Buenos Aires, 1925], p. 244, n.) accepts the opinion that the editor was 'un florentino de Perpignan llamado Jacopo Gelli.' E. Toda y Güell thought this edition was made at Florence, 'ab text de Jaume Geli' (*Bibliografía española d'Italia*, I [Castell de Sant Miquel d'Escornalbou, 1927], 437).

(3) 1549; Venice. *Libro del Consolato*. Pedrezano's text; published by Padoanno. BM: NYP.

(4) 1564; Venice. *Libro del Consolato de' Marinari*. Pedrezano's text; Francesco Lorenzini, publisher. HCL: NYP: YL.

(5) 1567; Venice. *Libro del Consolato de' Marinari*. Pedrezano's text; Andrea Ravenaldo, publisher. BM: HLS.

(6) 1576; Venice. *Il Consolato del Mare*. Pedrezano's text; Daniel Zanetti & Compagni, publishers. BM: HCL.

(7) 1584; Venice. *Il Consolato del Mare*. Pedrezano's text; 'appresso gli Heredi di Francesco Rampazetto.' HCL: LC.

(8) 1599; Venice. *Il Consolato del Mare*. Pedrezano's text; Lucio Spineda, publisher. BM: HCL.

(9) 1612; Venice. *Il Consolato del Mare*. Pedrezano's text; published by Spineda. BM: HLS: NYP.

(10) 1637; Venice. *Il Consolato del Mare*. 'Appresso Marco Ginammi.' Advocates' Library, Edinburgh. ILS.

(11) 1656; Venice. *Il Consolato del Mare*. Michel Sörgo, ed.; 'appresso li Ginammi.' NYP.

(12) 1658; Venice. *Il Consolato del Mare*. 'Appresso li Ginammi.' HCL.

(13) 1668; Venice. *Il Consolato del Mare*. Francesco Brogiollo, publisher. Biblioteca Universitaria de Barcelona.

(14) 1713; Venice. *Il Consolato del Mare*. Lorenzo Bassegio, publisher.

(15) 1718; Florence. *Il Consolato del Mare colla Spiegazione di Giuseppe Maria Casaregi*. Gaetano Tartino and Santi Franchi, publishers.¹⁹

(16) 1720; Lucca. *Il Consolato del Mare*. Casaregi's *Spiegazione*; published by Sebastiano Domenico Cappuri and Antonio M. Santini, 'a spese di Donato Donati.'

(17) 1737; Venice. *Il Consolato del Mare*. Casaregi's *Spiegazione*; Francesco Piacentini, publisher.²⁰

(18) 1740; Venice. *Il Consolato del Mare*, in Casaregi's *Discursus legales de commercio*, III, 95-210. Typographia Balleoniana, publishers.

(19) 1788; Venice. *Il Consolato del Mare*. Casaregi's *Spiegazione*; published by Bassano, 'a spese Remondini di Venezia.'

(20) 1806; Venice. *Il Consolato del Mare*. Casaregi's *Spiegazione*; Silvestro Gnoato, publisher.

(21) 1911; Turin. *Il Consolato del Mare*. Casaregi's *Spiegazione*; published by Unione Tipografico-Editrice Torinese, under the auspices of the *Consorzio Autonomo del Porto di Genova*.²¹

¹⁹ The *Consolato* comprises part of volume I of Casaregi's *Discursus legales de commercio*, which is dated 1719; but the title-page of the *Consolato* reads, 'In Firenze, MDCCXVIII.'

²⁰ It may be noted that, 'In questa prima Veneta impressione [i.e., the first containing Casaregi's *Spiegazione*] altre tutto ciò che s'attrova nell' Edizioni di Firenze, e di Lucca aggiuntovi molte Leggi della Serenissima Repubblica di Venezia attinenti alla materia.'

²¹ Consult: G. M. de Brocá, 'Crítica de una nueva edición italiana del "Libro del Consulado del Mar"', *Boletín de la Real Academia de Buenas Letras de Barcelona*, XII (1912), 321-25.

Although references to seven other Italian editions have been found, efforts to verify the existence of these impressions have been fruitless.²²

F. Italian 'Text' with Dutch Translation

(1) 1704; Leyden. *Il Consolato del Mare . . . Het Consulaat van de Zee . . . Nieulyks uyt het Italiaans in het Nederduyts vertaalt*. Translated by Abraham Westerveen; Joannes du Vivié and Isaak Severinus, publishers.

(2) 1723; Amsterdam. *Il Consolato del Mare . . .* Westerveen's edition; Salomon Schouten, publisher.

G. Spanish Translations

(1) 1539; Valencia. *Libro llamado Consulado de Mar . . . traduzido de lengua Catalana en Castellana*. Francisco Díaz Romano, publisher. BM: HLS.

(2) 1732; Barcelona. *Consulado del Mar de Barcelona*. Translated by Cayetano de Pallejá, Juan Piferrer, publisher.

H. French Translations

(1) 1577; Aix-en-Provence. *Le Livre du Consulat, contenant les loyx, ordonnances, statutz & costumes . . . nouvellement traduit de language Espagnol & Italien en François*. Translated by François de Mayssoni; Pierre Roux, publisher.²³ BNP.

(2) 1635; Aix-en-Provence. *Le Consulat . . .* Reimpression of the Mays-soni edition; Estienne David, publisher. BM: BNP: HLS: LC.

(3) 1808; Paris. *Consulat de la Mer*. Translated by P. B. Boucher; Arthus-Bertrand, publisher.

I. German Translation

(1) 1790; Lübeck. 'Das Konsulat der See,' in *Corpus iuris nautici*, I, 188-382. Translated by J. A. Engelbrecht; Christian Gottfried Donatius, publisher.

J. Swedish Translation

(1) 1913; Stockholm. 'Sjökonsulatet,' in *Peder Månssons Skrifter På Svenska*, pp. 1-115.²⁴ Robert Geete, ed.

K. English Translations

(1) 1800; London. *A Translation of the Chapters CCLXXIII and CCLXXXVII of the Consolato del Mare, relating to Prize Law*. Translated by Charles Robinson.

(2) 1813; Philadelphia. 'Of Cases of Recaptures: Translated from the Consolato del Mare, Chap. 287,' *American Law Journal*, IV, 299-304. Translated by John E. Hall.

²² Although references to six other Italian editions have been found, efforts to verify the existence of these impressions have been fruitless. Venetian impressions of 1544, 1558, 1566, and 1633 are cited by A. Palau (*Manual del librero hispano-americano*, II [Barcelona, 1924], 268-69). Sciolla (*Il Consolato del Mare* [Turin, 1911], p. xxviii) refers to a 1738 edition of Leghorn; an 1802 Venetian impression is cited by J. G. T. Graesse, *Trésor de livres rares et précieux*, II (Berlin, 1922), 253.

²³ Apparently because Guillaume Giraud, a merchant of Marseilles, obtained permission to print this book in 1576, several bibliographies refer to a Marseilles edition of 1576 or 1577. According to J.-C. Brunet (*Manuel du libraire*, II [Paris, 1861], 235) 'l'imprimerie n'était pas point encore en usage dans cette ville à cette époque.'

²⁴ A translation of chapters 45-291, with some omissions. Notes on the manuscript of this translation—said to have been prepared in Rome, in 1522—are found in *Peder Månssons Strids-Konst och Strids-lag* (Stockholm, 1845), pp. iii-xvii.

L. Other Editions

The claim that The Consulate appeared in a Latin translation has not been substantiated.²⁵ A new French version was contemplated in 1915, but appears not to have been realized.²⁶ John E. Hall, editor of the *American Law Journal*, announced in 1813 that he had completed a translation, but it is almost certain that the work failed to come to press.²⁷ Emérigon commenced a French translation which likewise failed to appear in print.²⁸

III. THE PROCEDURAL CODE

Although the majority of the texts of The Consulate open with forty-odd chapters²⁹ dealing with procedure in the maritime court of Valencia, the circumstance is generally regarded as indicating that procedural law developed earlier in Valencia—the seat of the first consular tribunal in Aragon—than in Barcelona, the birthplace of the substantive law of The Consulate. The procedural code, or 'Judicial Order of Valencia,' was observed in the courts of Barcelona and Majorca, although the supplementary 'Judicial Order of Barcelona' was in force probably by the end of the fourteenth century.

A. 'Judicial Order of Valencia'

All seven codices contain the 'Judicial Order of Valencia,' and additional manuscript copies are in the Institut d'Estudis Catalans of Barcelona.³⁰ It has been published separately from The Consulate, as follows:

²⁵ André Lange was informed, 'que Daniel Ficher, consul de Rostock, avoit fait une traduction latine du Consulat, et que la publication en avoit été annoncée dans les *Nouvelles Littéraires de la Baltique, année 1698*, p. 199; mais je n'ai pu découvrir si ce projet avoit été exécuté (*Brevis introductio in notitiam legum nauticarum* [Lübeck, 1713], p. 35).

²⁶ E. Moliné y Brasés, *Les Costums Maritimes de Barcelona*, p. xc, n. 3.

²⁷ In this year Hall wrote: 'It is ready for the press, but in the present distracted state of the country it would be too hazardous an undertaking to print what probably none would purchase, and few would read' (*American Law Journal*, IV, 299, n.). Prior references to this translation are found in the same *Journal*, II, 374; IV, 168; and in Hall's edition of B. M. Emérigon, *An Essay on Maritime Loans* (Baltimore, 1811), p. viii. Correspondence with the Maryland Historical Society, the Library Company of the Baltimore Bar, and the Library of Congress has not produced information concerning the Hall MS.

²⁸ F. Vallis i Taverner, 'Notes sobre el "Consolat de Mar",' *Revista de Catalunya*, VI (Barcelona, 1929), 208.

²⁹ The number varies in different editions: it is forty-two in the edition of E. Moliné y Brasés. Chapter 43, an oath required of lawyers in Majorca, is a pragmatic of 1247. Latin and Catalan texts, taken from the manuscript privileges of Majorca, have been reproduced in the *Boletín de la Sociedad Arqueológica Luliana*, V (Palma, 1893), 107-108. But this article is not found in Codex A, the text used in the consular court of Majorca! Following an earlier editorial error, the Moliné y Brasés edition has no chapter numbered 44. Chapter 45, which purports to regulate freight rates to Alexandria, is of uncertain origin and significance. The *Llibre del Consolat* proper begins with chapter 46, the heading of which is: 'Aci comencen les Bones Costumes de la Mar.'

³⁰ MS. B^a 192, *Llibre dels privilegis e altres actes fahents per los honorables consols de la mar de Barchinona*, foll. 7-15; other copies in MSS. B^a 191, B^a 193, and B^a 194.

J. E. Hall, 'The Judicial Order of Proceedings before the Consular Court,' *American Law Journal*, II (Baltimore, 1809), 385-91 and III (Philadelphia, 1810), 1-13. English translation.

Llibre de privilegis, vsos, stils, y ordinacions de Consolat de Mar de la fidelissima vila de Perpinya (Perpignan, 1651), pp. 2-19. Catalan.

J. M. Pardessus, 'Règlement de procédure consulaire de 1343,' *Collection de lois maritimes*, V (Paris, 1839), 374-93. Catalan and French.

Travers Twiss, 'The Judicial Order of the Court of the Consuls of the Sea,' *Black Book of the Admiralty*, Appendix, pt. iv (London, 1876), 449-95. Catalan and English.

F. Valls i Taverner, *Consolat de Mar*, II (Barcelona, 1931), 37-61.³¹

B. 'Judicial Order of Barcelona'

The two extant manuscripts have been edited, as follows:

E. Moliné y Brasés, 'L'antich orde judiciari observat en la cort dels cònsols de la mar de Barcelona,' *Revista Jurídica de Catalunya*, XXIII (Barcelona, 1917), 233-58.³²

L. Perels, 'Orden judicial del Consulado de Mar de Barcelona,' *Revista Jurídica de Catalunya*, XXV (1919), 289-307.³³

F. Valls i Taverner, *Consolat de Mar*, II, 63-99.³⁴

IV. COMMENTARIES AND HISTORIES

Since the eighteenth century practically every editor of the *Llibre del Consolat* has added to the text a more or less extensive juridical and historical commentary. Those of Capmany, Casaregi, Moliné y Brasés, Pardessus, and Twiss are most valuable.³⁵ In addition, the following monographs are historical and legal treatises of The Consulate:

L. Blancard, *Sur la date et le lieu d'origine du Consulat de la Mer*. Marseilles, 1877.

P. Ciga y Mayo, *Estudio histórico-crítico del Libro del Consulado de Mar*. Madrid, 1905.

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³⁵ Casaregi's *Spiegazione* is a chapter-by-chapter analysis of the text. Mayssoni's edition contains a commentary in the form of marginal notes.

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E. Meyer, *De historia legum maritimarum mediæ ævi celeberrimarum* (Göttingen, 1824), pp. 12-42.

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³⁶ Translated: 'Sobre els orígens del "Consolat de Mar",' *Revista Jurídica de Catalunya*, XXXVII (1931), 255-65.

³⁷ The sections on The Consulate are said to be 'une copie littérale et textuelle' of the work of Michel de Jorio who wrote a project of a maritime code published in Naples in 1781 (J. M. Pardessus, *Collection de lois maritimes*, I, 9). Azuni's commentary may also be found in *The Maritime Law of Europe*, I (New York, 1806), 326-72.

³⁸ *De Jure Belli ac Pacis*, lib. iii, cap. i, par. 4, as translated in *The Classics of International Law*, III (Oxford, 1925), 603, n.1.

rules, regretting that it contained 'things which are not sound.'³⁹ James Kent considered The Consulate 'the most authentic and venerable monument extant, of the commercial usages of the middle ages';⁴⁰ and Thomas Alfred Walker spoke of it as one of three mediaeval maritime codes which 'at once set out a veritable common law of the sea and furnish an eminently instructive illustration of the method of evolution of all International Law.'⁴¹

CURRENT COMMENTS

THE PROGRAM FOR THE ROUND TABLE ON LIBRARY PROBLEMS of the Association of American Law Schools to be held on Friday evening, December 27th, at 8 P.M., in the Berwyn Room of the Edgewater Beach Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, has been announced as follows:

"A Model Card Catalog for the Library of 15,000 Volumes." Miles O. Price, Columbia University. Mr. Price will exhibit the catalog and explain its preparation and use.

"Value of Classification and Pay Plans for Law School Libraries with a Summary of the Work of the Joint Committee." Miss Alice Daspit, Louisiana State University. Discussion led by Philip Marshall, University of Wisconsin.

"Relationship between work of the Joint Committee on Classification and Pay Plans and the work of the Joint Committee on Cooperation between A.A.L.S. and A.A.L.L." William R. Roalfe, Duke University.

LOIS BAKER, LAW LIBRARIAN OF THE UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, who is on leave of absence during the academic year, 1940-41, is studying at the Yale Law School. An active member of the A.A.L.L., Miss Baker is serving this year as a member of the Committee on Law School Library Statistics.

DR. E. WILDER SPAULDING, Chief, Division of Research and Statistics of the Department of State, spoke on "Law Publications of the Department of State" at the October Meeting of the Law Librarian's Society of Washington, D. C.

THE SEVENTH BIENNIAL VOLUME OF THE STATE LAW INDEX prepared by the State Law Index, Legislative Reference Service, Library of Congress, has been completed and is now on sale by the Superintendent of Documents at \$1.50 a copy. This volume is an index to state laws enacted during 1937 and 1938. For libraries and individuals desiring to complete their sets of the Index, a limited number of copies of earlier volumes is available. They will be sent without charge, post free, to governmental agencies, federal, state and local, and can be purchased from the Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D. C., at the following prices: v. 1, \$1.50; v. 2 and v. 3, \$2.00 each; v. 4, \$2.25; v. 5, \$1.75; v. 6, \$1.25.

³⁹ *Questiones Juris Publici*, lib. i, cap. v, as translated in *The Classics of International Law*, XIV (Oxford, 1930), 43.

⁴⁰ *Commentaries on American Law*, III (9th ed., Boston, 1858), 10.

⁴¹ *A History of the Law of Nations*, I (Cambridge, 1899), 116.

THE PLACE ACCORDED TO THE LIBRARY IN LAW SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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NO DOUBT many law students obtain some conception of the library, even before they enter the law school building, through an examination of the printed announcements that usually come into their hands, either while they are endeavoring to select a law school or when making definite plans for matriculation after the selection has been made. For this reason, as well as because various interested persons refer to such announcements from time to time, it would appear that the manner in which the library is treated therein is of more than passing importance. Consequently, a careful examination of a number of these publications should be productive of results other than the mere satisfaction of idle curiosity.

The following study¹ has involved an examination of the latest printed announcements of the 101 law schools which appear on the list of schools approved by the American Bar Association,² but as, in 2 instances, the library is not mentioned at all, the data considered is actually obtained from 99, rather than from 101, announcements. Among these the longest statement concerning the library contains 576 words and the shortest, 34 words. The average for all of the schools is 214 words.

The relative accessibility of this information may be indicated by noting that in 84 of the announcements it is set out under a distinctive heading such as "Library," "Law Library," or "Library Facilities," while in 15 the information appears under a more general heading such as does not definitely suggest that library information is included. Notwithstanding the fact that most of the announcements are relatively compact and many of them are logically arranged, it is rather surprising that a majority of them do not contain either a table of contents or an index. In these, then, a page by page examination is the only method by which specific information may be discovered. Out of the 41 announcements that do contain such aids, 35 include references to library information.

So much, for the moment, with respect to information relating only to the library. In a substantial majority of the announcements, the library is also mentioned or discussed in connection with some other subject. In 42 such references are found in the statements relating to the course in "Legal Bibliography," in 13 under "Curriculum," in 21 instances when the location, buildings or equipment are being discussed, in 5 when other libraries are being referred to, and in 2 under the heading "Miscellaneous Information." In addition, the library is

¹ A similar but more detailed study of college libraries was made in 1938. See King, *How is the College Presented in the College Catalog*, 8 LIBRARY QUARTERLY 77.

² For a list of these law schools, see AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION, ANNUAL REVIEW OF LEGAL EDUCATION FOR 1938, p. 10.

mentioned in at least one announcement under each of the following headings: "Gifts," "How to find the Law," "Introduction to Study of Law," "Law Clubs," "Legal Writing," "Pictures," and "Research and Briefing." While some of these references are of course brief, others are somewhat detailed. The average length of such secondary references is 53 words.

If we turn now to a consideration of the specific information given, we find that about one-half of the announcements mention and briefly describe the library quarters, that a majority of these stress their utilitarian character and that only seven refer to esthetic characteristics. One library is described as a "research center." Mention of library equipment is almost totally absent.

As would be expected the most popular feature of the library is the collection of books which is described at least briefly in 90 per cent of the announcements. In most instances the principal sets and classes of books are mentioned and the total number of bound volumes is given. In only two is this figure supplemented by an indication of the number of pamphlets. Quite common are the more or less unavoidable expressions "well" or "carefully" selected volumes, "noteworthy collection" or "valuable" books or "well equipped with source materials." In a few instances the description is rendered rather meaningless through the employment of such expressions as "many thousand volumes" or "several special collections" which are not described. However, in many instances, special collections are specifically indicated and sometimes these are briefly described. The subject matter of these collections differs from library to library with fairly little repetition, but there can be no doubt but that libraries which make no mention of the fact frequently contain substantial holdings in fields that other libraries designate as special collections. Some of the special collections mentioned are: aviation and radio law, briefs and transcripts, civil law, etchings, foreign law, French law, international law, pamphlets, periodicals, pictures, portraits and Spanish American or Latin American Law.

In 59 law schools the library staff is deemed worthy of mention and occasionally its character is briefly indicated. In all but 6 of these instances at least one staff member is specifically named. In 1, the names of 5 persons concerned with the administration of the library are given; in 2, 4 names; in 5, 3 names; and in 7, 2 names. Although this is not always clearly indicated, it appears that in 17 schools the librarian is listed as a member of the faculty and in 10 as an officer of administration. Occasionally, the fact that student assistants are employed is mentioned.

In only about 10 per cent of the announcements is anything said regarding the income or expenditures of the library. In most instances, this includes the mention of a library fee and now and then an endowment fund is referred to. Several announcements mention gifts or give the names of donors.

Less than one-fourth of the announcements contain information with respect to library hours or state whether the library is open week-ends, on holidays or during vacation periods, and only two indicate specifically what classes of persons may make use of the library service. In one of these it is stated that the

library is open to any member of the bar of the state, and in the other that the service is extended to the profession, and to the students and faculty of all departments of the university.

Some form of instruction in the use of the library is indicated for 61 law schools. In 56 of these this instruction is given in a formal course usually entitled "Legal Bibliography." Occasionally such instruction appears to be combined with the teaching of some other subject.

In 54 announcements attention is called to the fact that the law school library resources are supplemented by the availability of collections in other nearby libraries, in 36 instances in other libraries on the campus, and in 18 in libraries not connected with the university but located in the immediate vicinity. Obviously, references to other campus libraries are usually to the general library and for the most part call attention to non-legal materials. References to non-campus libraries usually name nearby larger legal collections.

Although only 5 announcements contain pictures of the library, this is not surprising in view of the fact that only 17 contain illustrations of any kind. In addition to the pictures of the library, these include 7 diagrams of the campus and 5 pictures of the law school building.

It is, of course, perfectly obvious that the foregoing remarks do not constitute a comprehensive study of law school libraries. If this were our present objective, it would be necessary to resort to other sources of information. Our much more modest objective has been that of endeavoring to ascertain to what extent the libraries and their place in the educational program have been reflected in the printed announcements to which, as we stated in the beginning, many interested persons first resort when seeking information.

But, as it was also stated at the beginning, this inquiry need not, and indeed should not, end with the mere satisfaction of idle curiosity. With the information now in hand may we not ask the question: Are the several law school libraries being adequately represented to the public insofar as the statements found in these announcements are concerned? In formulating a reply we must, of course, take full account of the facts that (1) as these announcements are usually brief and modest publications and (2) it is highly desirable to include therein a good deal of information not in any way connected with the library, in the final analysis, the space allotted to the library must be in reasonable proportion to that allotted to other interests.

However, even after full allowances have been made for these two factors, it is clear that the discrepancies between the schools that accord their libraries the most space and those that appear to be content with a mere mention, cannot by any means be explained merely by comparing the varying total amounts of space available. Apparently, in many schools (1) the library is not regarded as of any great importance, or (2) the person or persons responsible for the preparation of the announcement do not so regard it, or (3) the desirability of including an adequate statement with respect to the library has merely been overlooked.

But constructive criticism cannot be confined to those schools that fail to assign sufficient space to the library. The marked dissimilarities found in the several statements and the omission of information in some that is found in others raises a strong presumption that the most has not always been made of this opportunity to present the library in the proper light. Accordingly, it would seem that in many schools those responsible for the preparation of the announcement might advantageously reconsider the statements found in their own publications in the light of what is found to be the practice in other law schools. In this connection, it can hardly be denied that, regardless of where the ultimate authority may reside, the librarian cannot escape the responsibility of, first, giving serious thought to the matter and, second, suggesting how the library may be more effectively presented, if upon investigation this appears to be desirable.

**ANGLO-AMERICAN LEGAL PERIODICALS: BIRTHS,
DEATHS AND CHANGES, OCTOBER 1, 1939-
OCTOBER 1, 1940†**

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An asterisk (*) annexed to a date indicates that the periodical is current. Its absence indicates that the periodical was discontinued on the last date given.

ALABAMA BAR BULLETIN. Birmingham. 1v. (3 nos.) April, July, October 1939. Published quarterly by the Alabama State Bar Association. Merged with the Alabama Lawyer.

ALABAMA LAWYER. Montgomery. Vol. 1 no. 1, January 1940.* Official organ of the State Bar of Alabama. Quarterly. Price \$3.

BENCH AND BAR. Montreal. 10v. October, 1931-March, 1940. Monthly. October-December 1931 called Vol. 1 nos. 1-3; January 1932 (forming the first number of vol. 2) called Vol. 1 no. 4; February 1932 called Vol. 2 no. 2. Vol. 10 (3 nos.) Beginning April 1940 merged with the Dominion Report Service under title of Bench and Bar with Dominion Report Service.

BILL OF RIGHTS REVIEW. Chicago. Vol. 1 no. 1, summer 1940.* Quarterly. Price \$1. Published by the American Bar Association. Bill of rights committee.

†Supplementing Appendix IX in Hicks, *MATERIALS AND METHODS OF LEGAL RESEARCH* (1933), pp. 492-543, and Gee, *Anglo-American Legal Periodicals: Births, Deaths and Changes Since 1933*, *LAW LIBRARY JOURNAL*, 30:489-498 (September, 1937), 31:360-364 (November, 1938) and 32:431-433 (November, 1939). Added information concerning other items is also given. The compiler would be glad to have assistance from members of the Association in preparing subsequent lists.

BULLETIN OF THE BAR ASSOCIATION OF NASSAU COUNTY. Minneola, N. Y. Vol. 1 no. 1, November 1939.*

Published the fifteenth day of every month.

CAPITOL DAILY. Washington, D. C. 5v. January 14, 1937-June 24, 1938.

Vol. 1 (119 nos.): Vol. 2 (125 nos.): Vol. 3 (126 nos.): Vol. 4 (125 nos.): Vol. 5 (119 nos.)

Published by the Capitol Daily News Service.

CENTRAL HANOVER ESTATE BULLETIN. New York. Vol. 1 no. 1, December 15, 1939.*

Monthly. Published by the Central Hanover Bank and Trust Co.

CHINA LAW REVIEW. Shanghai. 9v. April, 1922-March, 1937.*

Quarterly. Suspended from June 1937 to June 1940 due to the war.

Published by the Comparative Law School of China, Law Department of Soochow University.

CHRONICLES OF KENT. [New York] Vol. 1 no. 1, February, 1940.*

Irregular. Mimeographed.

Issued by Columbia University Law Library.

CRIMINOLOGICAL RESEARCH BULLETIN. New York. 9 nos. 1931-1939.*

Irregular. Nos. 1-3, 5-7 edited by Thorsten Sellin; no. 4 by L. V. Harrison; nos. 1-5 published by the Bureau of Social Hygiene; nos. 6 and 7 appear only in the Journal of criminal law and criminology (V. 27-28).

Published by the Committee on criminal statistics of the American prison association.

INTER-AMERICAN QUARTERLY. Washington, D. C. 1v. January-October 1939.*

Vol. 1 called Quarterly Journal of Inter-American relations.

Price \$1.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. London.*

Beginning with the June 1940 issue (Vol. 19 no. 1) the editorial section is being discontinued for the duration of the war and the review section only is being published, under the title Review Supplement.

JOURNAL OF THE BROOKLYN BAR ASSOCIATION. 123 Remsen St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Vol. 1 no. 1, October 1939.*

JUSTICE LIBRARY REVIEW. Washington, D. C. Vol. 1 no. 1, January 1940.*

Published by the library staff of the U. S. Department of Justice.

Irregular. Mimeographed.

LAW SCHOOL DAY. De Land, Florida. 2v. May 6, 1939 and April 6, 1940.*

Annual. Published by the John B. Stetson University College of Law.

LAWYERS ASSOCIATION OF KANSAS CITY. News and announcements. Kansas City, Mo. Vol. 1 no. 1, Dec. 7, 1939.*

Monthly (irregular).

MONTANA LAW REVIEW. Missoula. Vol. 1 no. 1, Spring 1940.*

Annual. Price \$1.

Published by the Law school association of Montana State University.

NEW HAVEN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION BULLETIN. New Haven, Conn. 23 nos. March, 1926-March, 1939.

Irregular. Publication discontinued temporarily.

NOTES ON LEGAL EDUCATION. [Denver, Colo.] 18 nos. May 1, 1930-July 1, 1937.

Irregular. Vol. 1 no. 1 entitled American bar association. Standards; Vol. 1 no. 2—The Bulletin (first two issues only have volume numbering). Published by the Council of the section of legal education and admissions to the bar of the American bar association.

THE PLEADER. [Brooklyn, N. Y.] Vol. 1 no. 1, January 1938.*
Monthly (irregular).

Issued by the Kings County Criminal bar association.

QUEENS COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION BULLETIN. [New York.] 13v. January 1929-June 1940.*

Monthly (irregular) Vols. 1-10 published under title Queens county bar news.

RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD LAW BULLETIN. Washington, D. C. no. 1, December 1939.*

THE SYLLABUS. Houston, Texas. Vol. 2 no. 1, April 1938.

Official publication of the Houston Bar Association.

This is the only number ever published.

TRADE REGULATION REVIEW. New York. 2v. December 1936-Winter 1938. Vol. 1 (7 nos.) Vol. 2 (4 nos.)

Published by Reinhold Wolff. Temporarily discontinued. Mimeographed.

UNITED STATES LAW REVIEW resumed the title of NEW YORK LAW REVIEW beginning Vol. 74 no. 1, January 1940.

WASHINGTON AND LEE LAW REVIEW. Lexington, Va. Vol. 1 no. 1, Fall 1939.*
Semi annual. Price \$1.50.

FOREIGN LEGAL PERIODICALS: BIRTHS, DEATHS AND CHANGES SINCE OCTOBER, 1939†

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ASSICURAZIONI; rivista di diritto, economia e finanza delle assicurazioni private. Roma. 6v. 1934-1939.*

Bi-monthly. Published by the Istituto nazionale delle assicurazioni.

CORDOBA. UNIVERSIDAD NACIONAL. Boletín del Instituto de Derecho Civil. Cordoba, Argentine. 4v. 1936?-December, 1939.*

† Supplementing Appendix II, *Selected List of Foreign Legal Periodicals Currently Received*, in YALE LAW LIBRARY MANUAL, 1937 (Yale Law Library Publications No. 5, August, 1937) and Gee, *Foreign Legal Periodicals: Births, Deaths and Changes Since August, 1937*, LAW LIBRARY JOURNAL, 31:363-364 (November, 1938) and 32:433-435 (November, 1939) Added information concerning other items is also given.

Irregular. Vols. 1-4 no. 1 not numbered by volume but as numbers 1-8.

LA CORTE D'ASSISE, rassegna di diritto penale, criminologia e vita giudiziaria. Milano,-Fratelli Bocca. ser. 1. 5v. 1934-1938; ser. 2. 1v. January-December, 1939.*

Price 70 Lire.

LYONS. UNIVERSITÉ. Bulletin de l'Institut de Droit Comparé. Lyons, France. 1v. March, 1938-January, 1939.*

Irregular.

IL NUOVO DIRITTO, rivista teorico-practica di dottrina e giurisprudenza. Milano, Fratelli Bocca. ser. 1. 15v. 1924-1938; ser. 2. 1v. 1939.*

Monthly (irregular). Imprint varies.

Title varies, 1924-1926 "La Pretura."

RASSEGNA DEL SINDACALISMO FORENSE. Roma. 5v. May, 1935-September/October, 1939.*

Organ Officiale del Sindacato Nazionale Fascista Avvocati e Procuratori.

Monthly.

REVISTA ARGENTINA DE DERECHO INTERNATIONAL. Buenos Aires. ser. 1. 2v. 1920-1922; ser. 2. 2v. July, 1938-December, 1939.*

Irregular.

REVISTA DE DERECHO, JURISPRUDENCIA Y ADMINISTRACION. Montevideo, "Impresora Uruguaya". 37v. September, 1894-December, 1939.*

Monthly. Price \$6.

REVISTA DE LA ESCUELA NACIONAL DE JURISPRUDENCIA. Mexico, D. F. Administrador: Carlos David y Ortigosa. Vol. 1 no. 1, Jan/Feb. 1939.*

REVISTA DEL COLEGIO DE ABOGADOS DE LA HABANA. Cuba. 2v. (nos. 1-10) February, 1938-December, 1939.*

Bi-monthly. Price \$2.50.

REVISTA DEL COLEGIO DE ABOGADOS DE ROSARIO. Rosario, Santa Fe. 9v. August/November, 1929-August, 1939.*

Irregular.

REVISTA JURIDICO-CRIMINAL. Bogotá, Colombia. ser. 1. v. 1, March, 1938.*

Monthly (irregular)

Publicacion del Cuerpo Auxiliar del Organo Judicial.

REVISTA UNIVERSITARIA, JURIDICAS Y SOCIALES. Buenos Aires. 5 v. May, 1933-December, 1939.*

Irregular. Vols. 1-3 entitled Juridicas y Sociales.

REVUE AERONAUTIQUE INTERNATIONALE suspended publication with Vol. 9 no. 32 (June 1939) until the international aeronautical organizations resume activity.

RIVISTA CRITICA DELLA RESPONSABILITA CIVILE E DEL DIRITTO DEL LAVORO. Milano, Fratelli Bocca. ser. 1. 23v. (anno 1-27) 1912-1938; ser. 2. v. 1 (anno 28) January, 1939.*

Irregular. Title varies.

**CHAMBERLIN HOTEL AT OLD POINT COMFORT, VIRGINIA,
SELECTED AS PLACE OF THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LAW
LIBRARIES, JUNE 27 TO 30, 1941**

THE Chamberlin Hotel at Old Point Comfort, Virginia, will be the place of the Thirty-sixth Annual Meeting of the American Association of Law Libraries, June 27 to 30, inclusive, 1941. Selected by unanimous vote of the Executive Committee, in response to the suggestions of a number of our members that we meet at a resort hotel, The Chamberlin Hotel is situated in southeastern tide-water Virginia, overlooking Chesapeake Bay at Hampton Roads. The main entrance to the Hotel faces the grounds of Fortress Monroe built in 1818 and now the most important coast artillery post on the Atlantic Coast. Within twenty miles drive of The Chamberlin are many of the shrines of colonial Virginia, including Williamsburg, Jamestown and Yorktown. A tour of these famous landmarks will be a part of the program of the Annual Meeting which will be published in the January number of the *LAW LIBRARY JOURNAL*.

The most convenient and enjoyable route to Old Point Comfort is via the steamers of the Norfolk and Washington Steamboat Company which leave Washington, D. C., at 6:30 P.M. and arrive at Old Point the following morning at 6:40. The long twilights of June evenings make it possible to see from the decks of these steamers many points of interest such as the Army War College, Fort Foote, Fort Washington and Mount Vernon; and until darkness falls late in the evening the beautiful wooded hills of Virginia and Maryland provide a frame of loveliness to the sunset's afterglow along the shores of the historic Potomac River.

Special Rate on Steamers to A.A.L.L. Members

A special rate of \$9.75, round trip, has been obtained for our members who make this steamer trip at the time of our Annual Meeting. This rate will include round trip transportation on the steamer, stateroom (two persons to a room), dinner in each direction and breakfast on the return trip. Automobiles will be carried, subject to limit of space available on the steamer, for \$1.00 additional each way.

It is hoped that all members planning to attend the Annual Meeting will come to Washington, D. C., on Thursday, June 26, and be "on board" when the steamer leaves for Old Point Comfort at 6:30 P.M. Reservations for this trip should be made with Miss Helen Newman, Executive Secretary.

Special Convention Rates at The Chamberlin Hotel

Members are urged to make their room reservations direct with Mr. Ralph Hewlett, Manager of The Chamberlin Hotel, as early as possible. The special convention rates which include room, bath, meals, unlimited use of the outdoor

salt water swimming pool, and dancing on the roof garden each evening, are as follows:

\$7.00 per day per person, two persons in a room, twin beds and bath.

\$8.00 per day per person, single room and bath.

In holding our Thirty-sixth Annual Meeting at The Chamberlin, a famous resort hotel, we are following a tradition of the founders of the Association who in 1906 organized the A.A.L.L. at Narragansett Pier and in the years thereafter met frequently at some seashore or mountain resort. Now, after a number of years of urban meetings, we are to meet again at a resort hotel—one in a unique, historic, and beautiful location. Christened "Old Point Comfort" by Captain John Smith in 1607, this little neck of land is situated inside the Virginia Capes and is surrounded by the softness of the salt air breezes from the Atlantic Ocean. To say that The Chamberlin Hotel at Old Point Comfort, Virginia, is a charming place which you will want always to revisit is, in the humble opinion of your Editor, a more adequate description than any other which can be given until you go there yourself.

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BOOK REVIEW

YALE LAW LIBRARY CLASSIFICATION. *By Frederick C. Hicks. Yale Law Library Publications No. 8. New Haven, Yale University Press, 1939. Pp. viii + 231. \$3.00.*

When one of the largest law libraries in the country devises and publishes a scheme for the arrangement of its books, it behooves the librarians of all other sizeable collections to take note. Nor should those in charge of small collections overlook the opportunity to learn what they may from the experience and thought represented by the published scheme.

Like his other contributions to professional literature, this work of Professor Hicks includes material useful to any law librarian, whether he chooses to utilize the whole work or not. The table of country symbols, for example, brings together in one alphabet the names of all the foreign countries and subdivisions that are likely to be of any interest to the law cataloger, the order department, or the reference librarian. The schedule for Ancient, Primitive and Medieval Law shows at a glance the fields to be cultivated if it is hoped to have a representative collection. The schedule for France offers special schemes for treating the various troublesome series of Dalloz and Sirey. The Yalensia schedule should be helpful to any university law library interested in securing some order in its collection of university and school materials. As a further example, the list of subjects for codes and laws on special subjects in Appendix II, should not be overlooked by the librarian seeking aid on the filing of such material.

Another feature of importance to all law librarians is the inclusion in the schedules of carefully worked out notes on classifying and cataloging practice, by Katherine Warren. Solutions to many annoying problems, and hints on satisfactory grouping and suitable catalog subject headings for material that is out of the ordinary, are offered. A special index to these notes and directions makes them quickly available.

It would be possible to criticize adversely specific groupings in the scheme as "impractical" or "illogical." However, in the Introduction it is pointed out that the scheme "is designed solely to serve the purposes of the Yale Law School and its Library." Since an arrangement which might appear impractical or illogical in the abstract or as applied to law libraries generally, might suit the exact needs of a particular library, the Introduction leaves no room for such criticism to one who is not thoroughly familiar with the needs of the Yale Law School Library. It does imply, on the other hand, that adoption by other libraries might involve at least some revision, both as to the main groups and the schedules for the groups. Such revision, in the opinion of the reviewer, would be necessary, but since it would have to be done to fit the needs of each interested library, it seems useless to attempt to discuss specific instances here.

It may have been observed that the reviewer has avoided applying the term "classification" to this scheme. As the author of an article on law library classification, committed to the proposition that a "classification" is necessarily a *unified* or systematic scheme, it would be hard for him to do otherwise, since the Yale scheme is deliberately not unified. The values of unification need not be discussed here, but the validity of the keystone of Professor Hicks' argument in favor of unrelated group sequences, requires challenging. In the Introduction it is stated, "The basis of procedure [in constructing the scheme] was that the classification should serve the Library, rather than that the Library should be bound by a preconceived theoretical classification." Obviously, a good true library classification would be neither preconceived nor theoretical, and would

be designed to serve the Library. The real question is, would it serve the library better or not as well as an unrelated groups arrangement.

The law library profession is indeed fortunate that it has as a member such a challenging and active thinker as Professor Hicks. His contributions to the technique and tools of the profession are many, and this work is one of his most important offerings, worthy not only of a place in every law library, but of a place of honor in the librarian's office and the catalog department.

THOMAS S. DABAGH.

Los Angeles County
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A PAGE FROM THE EDITOR'S LETTER BOOK

The Federal Register

October 14, 1940

Dear Miss Newman:

Thank you for your letter of October 9, in which you transmitted a resolution passed at the 35th Annual Meeting of the American Association of Law Libraries. Such resolution indicated that the discontinuance of the bound volumes of the Federal Register was inconvenient to libraries and that it is the desire of the Association to have resumed, if possible, the publication of the bound volumes.

While the bound volumes of the Federal Register, as such, have been discontinued, they are being replaced by the various annual supplements to the Code of Federal Regulations. The supplements to the Code differ from the bound volumes in that they contain under their respective titles, chapters, and numbers, only the regulatory material which appeared in the daily issues of the Federal Register. Documents appearing under the notice section of the Federal Register are not contained in the Code and no provision has been made for their publication in bound form since, in most instances, their effectiveness is limited to a short period of time. Since a similar purpose is served by the supplements, it is not possible to also publish the bound volumes because of the tremendous cost of publication involved.

I am enclosing an informative circular in order to familiarize you with the Code of Federal Regulations.

I appreciate your expression of the sentiments of the American Association of Law Libraries and regret that we cannot comply with its resolution.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

B. R. KENNEDY,
Director, Division of the Federal Register,
The National Archives, Washington, D. C.

Georgia State Documents

October 14, 1940

Dear Miss Newman:

The September 1940 issue, LAW LIBRARY JOURNAL, lies tantalizingly on my desk. It seems very meaty and tempting and I look forward to reading it carefully.

Glancing through Miss Lathrop's article¹ reminds me that you may want to make mention of a release from this library in a later issue of the JOURNAL inasmuch as it contains much quasi-legal material.

¹ Lathrop, *Federal and State Check Lists*, 33 L. LIB. J. 289 (Sept. 1940).—Editor's note.

Under my direction in the State Library a trial check list of Georgia state documents has been compiled. It constitutes seventy typewritten pages of legal cap and does not include statutes, session laws, legislative journals and court reports, these having been fully accounted for elsewhere.

One copy has been deposited with the Documents Division, Library of Congress, and another is held here for lending to those libraries which may wish to check their own holdings.

Criticism, corrections and additions are invited.

It must be stressed that this library cannot respond to requests for fill-ins from other libraries. Extra copies of old and rare documents are not owned and the full quota of current publications assigned the State Library for exchange purposes has been distributed as received.

Very truly yours,

ELLA MAY THORNTON,
State Librarian of Georgia,
Georgia State Library, Atlanta, Georgia.

The Washington Law Review

November 5, 1940

Dear Miss Newman:

Your letter of October 30 has been received, and in reply I am sending you under separate cover two copies of vol. 1, no. 1, of the *Washington Law Review* published in April 1919. One copy is for your periodical collection because as you infer, it is the only issue of this particular publication and has no relation to the present *Washington Law Review*. The other copy is for your bar association proceedings collection, as it is the Washington Bar Association proceedings for 1917, and the only form in which the bar association proceedings for that year were published.

We have a number of copies of this periodical on hand, and should there be other libraries like your own which do not have it, we would be pleased to send it to them. While I mention this, I might add, also, that recently we were given a number of copies in sheets of the Washington Territorial Laws for 1871. If there are any libraries which do not have the laws for this session, we would, likewise, be pleased to send them a copy.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

ARTHUR S. BEARDSLEY,
Law Librarian, University of Washington,
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